

# Todd Akin

Second District of Missouri

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# NEWS

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Congressional Website Lists Links to Organizations Assisting Hurricane Victims**

Given the level of interest by in the Second Congressional District, Congressman Akin is posting to on his website <http://www.house.gov/akin/> a list of links to organizations that are assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The following has been posted on Congressman Akin's website:

**The damage brought about by Hurricane Katrina is almost unprecedented – it is the worst municipal disaster in US history and has displaced the most Americans since the Civil War. As Americans we are shocked at the magnitude of destruction and the level of human suffering.**

**The Administration is committed to bringing to bear all necessary resources and assistance to those areas and communities affected by this crisis, and Congress has appropriated billions in emergency relief.**

**If you are looking for a way to assist those in need, the following information and links may be helpful in your search in identifying ways to assist in aiding victims of Hurricane Katrina.**

**Congressman Todd Akin**

#### **Local Opportunities:**

##### **Lambert Hanger (short term)**

Individuals will be registered into the facility and medically screened.  
Goodwill is on site to provide clothing and personal needs.  
They are expecting to begin receiving people Thursday, September 8, 2005.  
To volunteer call the Red Cross at 314-516-1746.

##### **The St. Louis County Restoration Center - Chesterfield**

St. Louis County is handling logistics and the Salvation Army is handling human services, in collaboration with the City of Chesterfield and local churches. The Center is set up and ready to receive 150 people.  
**To volunteer or donate call 314-628-5400. Volunteers will be required to take a mandatory training program at the St. Louis Family church this Saturday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm.**

**Organizations receiving money ONLY**

*Please check organization websites for local efforts.*

The Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/donate/donate.html>

314-516-2760

America's Second Harvest

<http://www.seconddharvest.org/>

1-800-344-8070

**Organizations accepting money and volunteers**

*Please check organization websites for local efforts.*

Adventist Community Services

<http://www.adventist.communityservices.org/newstest.html>

1-800-381-7171

Catholic Charities

<http://www.ccstl.org/>

314-367-5500

Job training for displaced families

314- 802-1974

<http://www.stpatrickcenter.org/>

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

<http://www.crwrc.org/>

1-800-848-5818

Church World Service

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/index.html>

1-800-297-1516

Convoy of Hope

<http://www.convoyofhope.org/contact.html>

417-823-8998 (Springfield, MO)

United Jewish Communities

<http://www.ujc.org/>

212.284.6500

Lutheran Disaster Response

<http://www.elca.org/>

1-800-638-3522

Mennonite Disaster Service

1-800-241-8111

<http://www.mds.mennonite.net/>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

<http://www.pcusa.org/pda/>

1-866-732-6121

Union for Reform Judaism

<http://urj.org/relief/>

212.650.4140

Salvation Army

[http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www\\_uss.nsf](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss.nsf)

1-800-SAL-ARMY. Donations are also being accepted at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief

<http://www.sbc.net/>

1-800-462-8657

United Methodist Committee on Relief

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>

1-800-554-8583

### **Food for the Hungry**

<http://www.fh.org/>

1-800-2-HUNGERS

#### **Resources:**

United States Government Information

[http://www.first.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane\\_Katrina\\_Recovery.shtml](http://www.first.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane_Katrina_Recovery.shtml)

National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster

<http://www.nvoad.org/>

703.339.5596

The Humane Society

[disaster@hsus.org](mailto:disaster@hsus.org)

[www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org)

[https://secure.hsus.org/01/disaster\\_relief\\_fund\\_2005](https://secure.hsus.org/01/disaster_relief_fund_2005). (To donate)

1-800-HUMANE-1

#### **Specific needs:**

Operation Share Your Home

[www.shareyourhome.org](http://www.shareyourhome.org)

1-888-827-2525

Financial assistance is an immediate need for staff matching homeless families with temporary homes.

Volunteers are also needed to provide transportation or homes to displaced families.